

Amendment No. 1 to SB1551

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1551

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by deleting the bill in its entirety and replacing it with the following new language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-621(e)(2) is amended by deleting the word "voluntary".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-621, is amended by inserting a new subsection (c), and by appropriately redesignating the existing subsections (c)-(f), as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) above, any health care practitioner licensed or certified under title 63, who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a patient's injuries, whether or not such injuries cause a patient's death, are the result of domestic violence or domestic abuse, shall report to the department of health, office of health statistics, on a monthly basis. The report shall not disclose the name or identity of the patient, but should include the nature and extent of the patient's injuries, the substance in summary fashion of any statements made by the patient, including comments concerning past domestic abuse with the patient's current spouse or previous partner(s), that would reasonably give rise to suspicion of domestic abuse. The practitioner shall include any other information upon which the suspicion of domestic abuse is based.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be repealed on June 30, 2009 and the statutes as they existed immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall be revived and reinstated.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.